

MARTEL NEWS.

An important visitor arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Seekinger Thursday night. She was a nice baby girl.

Light frosts made their appearance Sunday and Monday mornings but not enough to effect vegetation.

Hogs are being slaughtered for fresh eating, and during the next three months backbone, spareribs and sausage will abound.

The repainting of St. Johns church and cemetery has been awarded to Thos. Simpson, who will begin the work next Thursday, and push it to completion.

A number of non resident citizens, including our county officers, have contributed liberally to the committee's call for aid. Some have not as yet responded.

W. E. Vesl, late of Early Bird, has become a bonafide citizen of York, enlarged his store, consolidated the merchandise of his branch stores at that point, and now carries a full stock of general merchandise, where his accommodating clerk, Willie Barco, will be pleased to wait upon the public.

Harvell and Bell, of York, have had some trouble in getting their new engine for their railroad in first class working order, but have had all defects adjusted and are now making things hum.

Martel has had a number of new citizens to move in as permanent settlers, who are valuable acquisitions to this thriving town.

H. W. Long, county commissioner, has apportioned eighty miles of the public roads of Martel, Cotton Plant, Heldsville, Dunnellon and Romeo districts to nine naval stores and two phosphate companies so as to assign each to the subdivision of road used by them in heavy traveling to work and keep in repair with such hands as are employed by them that are liable to work on the public roads, which is working satisfactory to all concerned, and will save to the county hundreds of dollars.

There was quite a skirmish in a neighboring town between the depot agent and a farmer, in which the farmer came out second best.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson and their bouncing fine looking baby boy are visiting relatives at Whitney, who upon their return, will probably reside in the thriving town of York.

S. H. Brown, the merchant prince and postmaster of Leroy, and his efficient clerk, J. L. Beck, honored H. W. Long and family with a pleasant visit after church Sunday.

John L. Edwards was among us Thursday buying beef cattle, and succeeded in getting a nice bunch for Ocala.

A church festival was held in a vacant store at Martel Friday night, at which stewed oysters, ice cream, etc., was sold to raise funds to aid in paying for seating the chapel at Martel. A large crowd gathered; the middle aged ladies worked like trojans; the young men and widowers treated the ladies most bountifully, after which an enthusiastic election was held for the most popular young lady at Martel, resulting in the election of Miss Mary Kemp by a small majority over Miss Bell Bates. A snug little sum was realized. All present had a good time.

Johnston, Clark & Ray have completed their side track, a quarter of a mile in length, have their engine in position and will soon have their saw mill in full blast, which will very much add to the commercial and material interests of Martel.

BLIGHTON.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freyer-mouth a baby girl.

Miss Bailey, of Santafee, is attending school at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandifer, of this place, visited at Williston Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Joe Taylor visited in Ocala Tuesday.

Mr. J. E. Robinson, of Williston, was in our burg last week en route to Ocala.

Mr. C. J. Weaver, of Ocala, was a visitor here Saturday.

Prof. Overhultz visited his family at Keuka Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks made a flying trip to Ocala Tuesday.

WEIR PARK.

The Weir Park school is progressing nicely under the efficient direction of Miss Blanche Hall.

Judge Alexander Wynne, of East Lake, was a pleasant visitor at the Park Wednesday.

Mr. A. J. Herrell and two children have returned from an extended visit at Enville.

The Park has a crying need for a hotel that will be open the year round.

Mrs. D. W. Eaton and Miss Eaton, formerly of this place but recently of Jacksonville, leave this week for St. Louis where they will visit for several weeks.

Miss Gene Fosnot is assisting in the postoffice this week.

Benj. Russel, of Lake Beulah, Wis., is the guest of his brother, Geo. Russel. Mr. Russel is very much pleased with Lake Weir and the county and will soon become a resident of Florida.

Captain Carney and E. L. Carney will soon begin the shipment of their fruit. They will have the convenience of the steamer transportation from their packing houses to the A. C. L. at Weir Park this year. Capt. Fosnot has launched the barge that will carry a car load and the steamer Della will be tested the first of next week.

Work on the new dock at the Park is being hurried to completion. The dock has been carried out one hundred feet already, but owing to the scarcity of help the heavy work is slow to the many anxious young people who are waiting for the launching of the "Della."

It is reported on good authority that the A. C. L. will extend its side track out on the dock and connections will be made by the steamer with the trains for all points on the lake this winter.

Erwin—Abell.

The Bridgeport, Conn., Telegram and Union of October 16, says the following about the marriage of Mr. Robert Erwin, of Berlin, this county:

A pretty home wedding took place last night at 267 Colorado avenue, the home of the bride's sister, where Robert Erwin, of Florida, and Miss Florence Abell, of Bridgeport, were united in marriage by the Rev. E. S. Bullock. The bride wore a pretty gown of white albatross, and carried white roses. She was the recipient of many handsome presents. Only the families and immediate friends were present.

The young couple go to Florida on their wedding trip and will sail today from New York for Jacksonville by the Clyde line steamer Apache. They will remain south during the winter.

BELLEVIEW.

Mr. Thomas Gale, of Newport, Vt., arrived Friday for a few days visit with friends here, after spending a week in Ocala with their son, O. M. Gale.

The many young friends of Miss Laura Freeman tendered her a jolly surprise party Friday afternoon.

Mrs. P. W. Green is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Payne, of Fairfield.

Rev. E. Ransom Currier is quite ill with an attack of grip at the home of Mr. David Stanley. Mr. Currier had been visiting some of his county parishioners, and attempted to return to Belleview but was overcome by illness and took refuge at Mr. Stanley's where he has remained being too ill to be moved.

Rev. Durnkley, the newly called Baptist minister, preached his first sermon in Belleview last Sunday morning.

JOSH.

The Jesse French Piano and Organ Co.

Mr. James J. Watson, the representative of the above named company has been a pleasant visitor to Ocala for the past week and has established an agency in this city.

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COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

[Note—The following speech on compulsory education was made by little Jettie Boyles, age 13, before the Literary Society of the Ft. McCoy school and is printed in the Ocala Banner by request.—ED. BANNER.]

Honorable Judges, Ladies and Gentlemen: There are many causes to justify the reason for not compelling children to go to school.

1. Children should not be compelled to go to school from the very fact that such a law would be a law against liberty, against nature, a force and a gag law.

2. Children should not be compelled to attend school, because to do so would be a great imposition and trouble to the parents, as well as an annoyance to the teacher and hindrance to those that go voluntarily.

3. They should not be compelled, because to do so would be to deprive many parents of the actual necessities of life, many widows are entirely dependent on their children's daily labor for their support and when probably one or both of the parents are old, blind, feeble and unable to make a support, and perhaps unable to wait on themselves, and are entirely dependent on their children for personal and physical help, as well as financial aid, and to enforce such a law in such cases would be unjust and unmerciful.

4. Such a law would be hurtful to the masses and helpful to the few. The rich would be benefitted thereby and the poor suffer.

5. To compel children to go to school would be beyond the means of the poorer classes. Many with large families could not clothe their children comfortably, to say nothing of feeding them and buying the necessary books. In colder climates children would suffer from cold and exposure and probably cause sickness and death, and to pass such a law would necessarily impose a tax on the state to procure books and clothing for the very poor. This would be burdensome to those of moderate means. Therefore, we ask that no such law be passed in order that liberty, prosperity and harmony shall prevail.

6. If we should pass such a law there would be more schools and hence more expense to run them. The property owners are already taxed to the limit of their ability and we have no right to place on their shoulders an additional burden.

7. This law would mean, of course state control. Our teachers would not be dependent on the good will of the patrons for support as is now the case and they would therefore become arrogant and bigoted and the people would have no way of helping themselves. Our teachers are sometimes hateful as it is without making them more so. It is much better to persuade a person to do a thing than to force them by arbitrary measures. Let us work to make our schools better; establish more libraries; erect better school houses, and secure better teachers: then we think the problem will be solved.

Our New Justice of the Peace.

Mr. W. O. Waid has been appointed justice of the peace for the Ocala district vice Hon. George G. Mathews resigned.

Mr. Waid has been a resident of Marion county for the past ten years, though very reticent, unostentatious and retiring is nevertheless a most excellent citizen.

He has read law but has never been admitted to the bar and is thoroughly familiar with the theoretical and fundamental principles on which our laws are grounded.

Mr. Waid is about thirty years of age and during his ten years residence in this county has been engaged in farming and trucking.

He made up his bond yesterday and his commission will follow in a few days.

Prominent Visitors.

Ocala was very highly honored Sunday by a visit from Mr. Walter Coachman, the recently elected king of the Jacksonville Carnival. He was accompanied by Hon. C. B. Rogers, president of the Consolidated Grocery Company, of Jacksonville.

The purpose of their visit was to inspect the Marion county convict farms, located a few miles east of the city.

Their stay in Ocala only lasted a few hours.

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Obituary.

Mr. Allen Brassell was born in Montgomery, Alabama, July 11, 1879. He moved with his parents to Marion county when seven years of age. While at college in his native city he, in the year 1902, joined the Baptist church under Rev. Lee, and remained a consistent member until his death, which occurred at his home in Dunnellon, Fla., Oct. 10, 1903. He leaves a mother, father, five sisters and a brother to mourn his loss. In his death their greatest consolation comes from their knowledge of his pure and blameless life. As a brother he was kind and loving, as a son dutiful and devoted, while as a man he was honorable and upright; and when we say that he was a christian gentleman we say all that can be said of any man.

The Ocala House will have its formal fall and winter opening next Sunday, Nov. 1. Since it passed under the management of its present owner it has achieved a standard of excellence equal to the best hotels in Florida and this year it is expected to surpass all previous efforts.

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